

**In the Abstract:**

**Please amend the abstract as follows:**

- Page 28, Line 8: Please delete "PCR rejection" and insert --PCR reaction--

**In the Specification:**

**• Please amend the specification as follows:**

- Page 8, Lines 18 - 20: Please insert --SEQ ID NO:-- in each instance of "SEQ ID no."
- Page 11, Lines 11 - 19: Please insert --SEQ ID NO:-- in each instance of "SEQ ID no."
- Page 12, Lines 10 - 20: Please insert --SEQ ID NO:-- in each instance of "SEQ ID no."
- Page 13, Lines 1 - 8: Please insert --SEQ ID NO:-- in each instance of "SEQ ID no."
- Page 14, Lines 9, 11, 16 - 17: Please insert --SEQ ID NO:-- in each instance of "SEQ ID no."
- Page 17, Line 17: Please insert --SEQ ID NO:-- for "SEQ ID no."
- Page 18, Line 12: Please insert --SEQ ID NO:-- for "SEQ ID nos."
- Page 19, Line 3: Please insert --SEQ ID. NO:-- for "SEQ ID no."